

Dear FCC Decision Makers:

Please do not allow these proposed changes to be put through. They would greatly debilitate the main stations our family listens to.

Here is what I'm hearing:

Specifically, the FCC is considering a proposal that would force every radio station to take programming advice from community advisory boards broadly representative of an area's population. That means that Christian broadcast stations could be forced to take programming advice from people whose values are at odds with the Gospel! A well organized group of atheists, abortionists or secular humanists could demand representation – and have standing to cause trouble at the FCC if they were turned away."

Also:

Among the proposed new regulations are requirements that stations report, every three months, how much programming of various types has been broadcast, who produced it, and how it reflects the interests of a cross-section of local residents – even those who do not share Gospel values.

Additionally:

One proposed variation would even force stations to grant a certain amount of airtime to any group that requests it – much like cable television systems make time available on “public access channels.” But unlike public access channels, which were created as a kind of open public forum, Christian Radio is a combination of pulpit and mission. The government cannot force messages from any pulpit, nor insist that missionaries promulgate viewpoints contrary to the Gospel. The same way, it should not be forcing Christian Radio stations to deliver the messages promulgated by secular humanists, abortionists or atheists.

Regarding the license renewal process:

But the FCC is considering a renewal processing procedure that would take renewal-granting power out of the hands of qualified civil servants when a Christian station, in good conscience, has kept its message pure and not allowed its facilities to be used to promulgate other messages. Instead of routine processing by civil servants, such a station's renewal application will be subject to the often multi-year process of review by the politically-appointed FCC commissioners.

And about co-location of radio stations:

The FCC is also considering a proposal that would force many Christian stations to relocate their main studio facilities. Now, it is possible to serve several missions from one location. But under this proposal, many co-location arrangements would be forced to end –

raising daily operating costs and imposing immediate expenses related to moving, construction of other facilities and overseeing forced relocations.

And:

"Finally, the FCC is also proposing to drive up the costs of providing Christian Broadcasting services by eliminating labour-saving technological enhancements that make it possible to operate radio stations, at least part of the time, without an employee on the premises."

Please do not allow these things to happen, as these radio stations are vitally important to our family. We really don't listen to any other kind of radio, and we love these stations dearly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark & Kim Dudley & Family